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IRISH PROVERBS

More Wise Sayings

ON NUMEROUS SUBJECTS

(BY SEAN FHEAR).

In this series of Irish proverbs will be found wise sayings on another wide variety of subjects, including bad company, debts, treachery and other misfortunes, and amongst many other things that are undesirable, procrastination.

A considerable number of triads form a feature of a collection, the compiling of which shows great industry and rare discrimination on the part of Mr. T. F. O'Rahilly, M.A., M.R.I.A., whose book, "A Miscellany of Irish Proverbs," was published by the Talbot Press, Dublin, in 1922.

Pride of place may fittingly be given to one of the oldest proverbs in the Irish language: "Better old debts than old grudges." The Scots say: "Better auld debts than auld sairs (sores)."

Another very old one runs: "A poor man is pleased with whatever he gets"; also: "A poor man is glad of a little." It is found thus in the Book of Leinster: "Even a trifling thing pleases a poor man," and in North East Ireland it is: "A poor man is fain o' little."

"It is well that misfortunes come but from time to time," is the reverse of the English: "Misfortunes never come single"—a sentiment made use of in the once popular song, "Rory O'Moore."

TREACHERY.

"Woe to him whose betrayer sits at his table" was probably suggested by the presence of Judas at the Last Supper; and "Trust not a spiteful man" has also a warning against betrayal.

"The effects of an evil act are long felt" is a proverb which may have suggested something to Shakespeare.

Dangerous companionship is the subject of these—"Shun evil company," "Choose your company before you sit down," "Tell me with whom thou goest and I'll tell thee what thou doest," which has the English equivalent—"Tell me your company and I'll tell you who you are."

Here is another Gaelic proverb—"Evening is speedier than morning," which has its echo in an English saying—"Never put off till to-morrow what you can do to-day."

Slow but sure is suggested by these—"A slow-footed hound often has good qualities"—uttered, evidently, long before dog racing was started. Scottish sayings on the same subject are—"Often has luck attended a slow traveller and a slow horse will reach the mill."

"What I am afraid may be said to me I had better say myself" contains a wise piece of advice; also,

MERCY ORDER

Loses a Great Nun

FORTY YEARS IN ONE
CONVENT

The parish of Newport (writes our Newport correspondent) was plunged into profound gloom last week-end by the unexpected news of the death of Sister Mary Bridget Cussen, Convent of Mercy, Newport, which took place at St. John's Hospital, Limerick, on last Saturday evening after a short illness. Deceased belonged to the Doon Community of the Mercy Order, and came to Newport 40 years ago, when the foundation opened there, and here she has been ever since without a change.

NATIVE OF ASKEATON.

A native of Askeaton, Co. Limerick, she was one of four sisters who took up religious life. Their names in religion are—Sister Mary of Mercy, Cappamore; Sister Mary Alphonsus, Cabra, and the late Sister Baptist, Presentation Convent, Limerick.

Deceased was a wise counsellor to all who sought her advice and an earnest friend to all under her care, and had a particular liking for little children. She was universally popular in the district. A fine singer and musician, she was principal teacher in the convent schools for a number of years. Up to the time of her demise she was in charge of the local Sodality of the Children of Mary.

MANIFESTATIONS OF GRIEF.

The whole parish mourns her loss and many visible manifestations of grief were seen at the obsequies.

On Sunday evening the remains of deceased were conveyed to Doon Convent Chapel, where on Tuesday morning Solemn Office and High Mass were offered up for the repose of her soul. The interment took place afterwards in the cemetery adjoining the convent.

Rev. Michael O'Connor, P.P., Doon, presided at the Mass, which was celebrated by Very Rev. W. J. Canon Condon, P.P., Newport; Rev. D. O'Brien, C.C., Newport, was deacon, and Rev. J. K. Dunne, C.C., do., was sub-deacon.

The chanters were—Rev. P. J. Lee, C.C., Doon, and Rev. P. Walsh, C.C., Cappamore. Rev. M. O'Dwyer, Chaplain, Doon Convent, was master of ceremonies.

IN THE CHOIR.

In the choir were—Rev. C. Callanan, P.P., Cappawhite; Rev. J. Moloney, P.P., Cappamore; Rev. P. Noonan, C.C., Hollyford; Rev. P. Fogarty, C.C., Thurles; Rev. M. O'Dwyer, C.C., Cappawhite; Rev. Father Kinnane, C.C., Pallasgreen; Rev. Father Kelly, C.C., St. John's, Limerick; Rev. Father O'Grady, C.C., do.; Rev. Father Davin, C.C., Solohead

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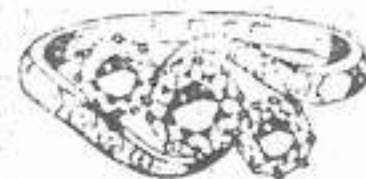
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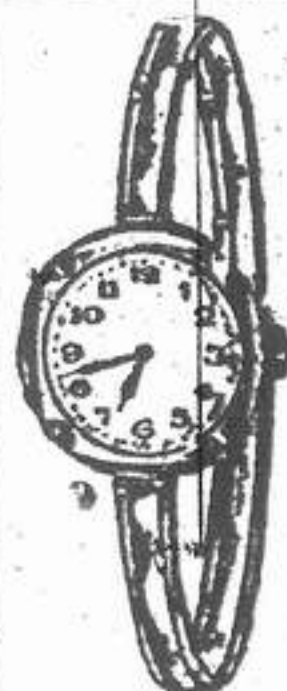
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